

REMARKS

The Examiner's attention to the present application is noted with appreciation, as is the Examiner's allowance of multiple claims and the allowability of multiple claims if rewritten in independent form. However, Applicant submits that all pending claims as amended are allowable.

Claims 65, 102, 116, 155, and 179 have been amended per the Examiner to correct a minor typographical error. The Examiner rejected claims 8-11, 116-118, 130-138, 147-150, 163-166, and 179-182 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 8, 10, 94, 116, 130, 133, 136, 147, 163, 171, and 179 have been amended per the Examiner to correct such deficiencies. Claims 12, 23, 29, 40, and 43 have been amended for the purposes of clarity. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner rejected claims 60, 63, 66, 73, and 80 under 35 U.S.C. 101 for nonstatutory double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,781,690. Claims 60, 63, 66, 73, and 80 have been canceled.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-25, 4-13, 15-21, 23-24, and 139-140 for nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,608,716. The Examiner also rejected claims 59, 62, 65, 68-72, 75-79, 82-83, 102-103, and 105 for nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,781,690. Filed herewith is a terminal disclaimer with respect to said prior patents.

Applicant therefore submits that all claims in the present application are now allowable, and respectfully requests same from the Examiner. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner believes that prosecution of this application might be expedited by discussion of the issues, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned agent for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Authorization is given to charge payment of any additional fees required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Acct. 13-4213.

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